



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

3/29/02

[REDACTED]
Gowen, MI [REDACTED]

Re: FOIA Request No. 2002-610
World Traders Assoc.

Dear [REDACTED]

This responds to your March 20, 2002, letter requesting information about World Traders Association. Pursuant to the FOIA and agency policy, we have searched our records as of March 21, 2002, for the records you requested.

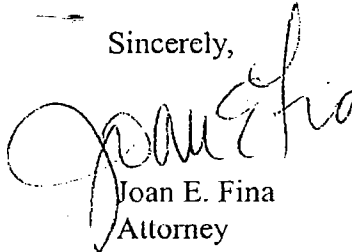
I regret that we cannot advise you about the legitimacy of a specific company. Enclosed are twenty-four pages of responsive complaints that consumers have sent to the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC"). You should know that the enclosed complaints have not necessarily been verified by the FTC, therefore, you should make your own judgement about relying on the information provided. I am denying access to consumers' names and addresses, and any other identifying information found in the complaints. This information is exempt from release under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because individuals' right to privacy outweighs the general public's interest in seeing personal identifying information.

Additionally, I have enclosed a print-out from our website (www.ftc.gov) that has some information that may be of use to you. There are additional brochures online in the Consumer Line section of our home page. You may be able to access online information at your local public library.

If you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you may appeal by writing to Freedom of Information Act Appeal, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20580, within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. Please enclose a copy of your original request and a copy of this response. If you believe that we should choose to disclose additional materials beyond what the FOIA requires, please explain why this would be in the public interest.

If you have any questions about the way we handled your request, or about our FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact Margaret Woodson at (202) 326-2417.

Sincerely,



Joan E. Fina
Attorney



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.: 979398 Contact Type: Complaint Source: Consumer TCS? Y

Comments: The consumer called to file a complaint against a business opp that had false claims of providing the participants with networks and a client base. The company has not provide any assistance and is only willing to refund \$1000 of the consumer's \$6000 investment.

Created By: VLAW Created Date: 06/13/00

Updated By: VLAW Updated Date: 06/13/00

Org Name: TOLL FREE NUMBER AND CONSUMER SENTINEL

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid: Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Phone Complaint Date: 06/13/00

Initial Contact: Unknown Transaction Date:

Initial Response: Unknown

Product/Service: Bus Opps\Franchises\Distributorships

Statute/Rule: FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation: Deception/Misrepresentation

Consumer

Complaining
Company/Org.:

Last name: [REDACTED] First: [REDACTED]

Address: 22915 Rosehollow Trail

City: Tomball State: TX Zip [REDACTED]

Country: UNITED STATES

Work phone () Ext:

Fax Number: ()

Home Number: [REDACTED]

Email:

Age Range:



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Company

Company: UNITED TRADERS ASSOCIATION

Address: 500 N Rainbow

Suite 300

City: Los Vegas

State: NV Zip: 89107

Country: UNITED STATES

Email:

URL:

Phone: (800) 9569905

Ext:

Company Representative

Associated Company



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.: 695475 Contact Type: Complaint Source: Consumer TCS? Y

Comments: I WAS CONTACTED BY THIS COMPANY AND WAS TOLD ABOUT A DISTRIBUTORSHIP THEY OFFERED. ALL THE TRAINING WOULD BE DONE BY THEM AND ALL OF THE BUYING AND SELLING CONTACTS WOULD BE DONE BY THEM. THE TRAINING WAS BOGUS TO SAY THE LEAST AS WERE THE CONTACTS. WHEN I ASKED OUT OF THIS DEAL AND MY MONEYBACK THEY REFUSED.

Created By: HBUCKMON Created Date: 08/02/99

Updated By: Updated Date:

Org Name: PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested: 5,950.00

Amt Paid: 5,950.00 Payment Method: Check (Personal)

Agency Contact: Internet Complaint Date: 07/29/99

Initial Contact: Mail Transaction Date: 06/02/99

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Bus Opps\Franchises\Distributorships

Statute/Rule: FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation: Deception/Misrepresentation

Consumer

Complaining
Company/Org.:

Last name: First

Address:

City: WHITE PINE

State: TN Zip:

Country: UNITED STATES

Work phone Ext:

Fax Number:

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Company

Company: UNITED TRADERS ASSOCIATION

Address: 2950 E. FLAMINGO RD. SUITE B

City: LAS VEGAS

State: NV Zip: 89121

Country: UNITED STATES

Email:

URL:WWW.UNITEDTRADERS.COM

Phone: (888) 3332344

Ext:

Company Representative

Rep Name: RANDALL, DOUG

Title:

Associated Company



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.: 688452 Contact Type: Complaint Source: Consumer TCS? Y

Comments: Co. was promise clients would be provided to consumer. Consumer rec'd cold call business leads Company offer consumer a refund of \$3,000. Company state they were exempted to FTC guidelines. Company wanted consumer to sign a release statement, that consumer would not say anything negative about the company. Consumer signed a contract.

Created By: ABANKS Created Date: 07/27/99

Updated By: ABANKS Updated Date: 07/27/99

Org Name: Planning and Information- BCP

Amt Requested: 5,950.00

Amt Paid: 5,950.00 Payment Method: Check (Personal)

Agency Contact: Phone Complaint Date: 07/27/99

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Bus Opps\Franchises\Distributorships

Statute/Rule: FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation: Misrepresentations/Deception (note in comments)
Proper Refund Not Received

Consumer

Complaining
Company/Org.:

Last name:

First:

Address:

City: Fort Meade

State: MD Zip:

Country: UNITED STATES

Work phone: Ext:

Fax Number:

Home Number: ()

Email:

Age Range:



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Company

Company: United Traders Corporation

Address:

City:

State: NR Zip:

Country: LOCATION NOT REPORTED

Email:

URL:

Phone: ()

Ext:

Company Representative

Associated Company



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.: 685749 Contact Type: Complaint Source: Consumer TCS? Y

Comments: Consumer answered ad stating company would give list of clients. He paid them \$5970.00 for this dealership. After getting information from company, he found out that they had falsely advertised, so he wanted his money back. The company said they would refund \$3000.00, provided he sign a release.

Created By: KMITCHELL Created Date: 07/22/99

Updated By: KMITCHELL Updated Date: 07/22/99

Org Name: TOLL FREE NUMBER AND CONSUMER SENTINEL

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid: Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Phone Complaint Date:

Initial Contact: Mail Transaction Date:

Initial Response: Phone: other

Product/Service: Bus Opps\Franchises\Distributorships

Statute/Rule: Telemarketing Sales Rule

Law Violation: Misrepresentations/Deception (note in comments)

Consumer

Complaining
Company/Org.:

Last name: [REDACTED] First: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] t

City: Ft. Meade State: MD Zip: [REDACTED]

Country: UNITED STATES

Work phone () Ext:

Fax Number: ()

Home Number: [REDACTED]

Email:

Age Range:



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Company

Company: United Traders Assn.

Address:

City:

State: NR Zip:

Country: LOCATION NOT REPORTED

Email:

URL:

Phone: ()

Ext:

Company Representative

Associated Company



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.: 396378 Contact Type: Request for Information Source: Consumer TCS? Y

Comments: Researching "legitimacy" of company. Provided FOIA procedure.

Created By: JDANIELS Created Date: 06/17/98

Updated By: Updated Date:

Org Name: Midwest Region

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid: Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Phone Complaint Date: 06/17/98

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Bus Opps\Franchises\Distributorships

Statute/Rule: Telemarketing Sales Rule

Law Violation: Other (Note the Violation in the Comment Field)

Consumer

Complaining
Company/Org.:

Last name: Not Provided First:

Address:

City: State: NR Zip:

Country: LOCATION NOT REPORTED

Work phone () Ext:

Fax Number: ()

Home Number: ()

Email:

Age Range:

Company

Company: United Traders Assn.

Address:

City: State: NR Zip:

Country: LOCATION NOT REPORTED

Email: URL:

Phone: () Ext:

Company Representative



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

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MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.: 1744062 Contact Type: Complaint Source: Consumer TCS? Y

Comments: We appoche this company throught the internet, We have not committed for apymente yet, they are asking \$6,950 as an initial fee and a monthly fee of \$ 35.00. We came to you looking for help in recognizing this company as a bonafide one, If it is safe to do bussines with them. Maybe you can guide us to the right office or Regulatory Agency that can help us identify the trustworthy of the company. ☐

☐ Thank you ☐

☐ Ricardo R. Nater

Created By: FTUCKER

Created Date: 12/19/01

Updated By:

Updated Date:

Org Name: PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested: 6,950.00

Amt Paid: .00

Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Internet

Complaint Date: 12/11/01

Initial Contact: Internet (Other)

Transaction Date:

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Bus Opps\Franchises\Distributorships

Statute/Rule: Franchise Rule

Law Violation: Unsubstantiated Earnings Claims

Consumer

Complaining
Company/Org:

Last name:

First:

Address:

City: Guaynabo

State: PR Zip:

Country: UNITED STATES

Work phone: () Ext:

Fax Number: ()

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range: 40 - 49



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Company

Company: World Traders Association

Address: 12843 Footill Sta A

City: Sylmar

State: CA Zip: 91342

Country: UNITED STATES

Email:

URL:wtraders.com

Phone: (818) 365-6614

Ext:

Company Representative

Rep Name: Passann, Bob

Title:

Associated Company



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

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MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.: 1650986 Contact Type: Complaint Source: Consumer TCS? Y

Comments: The scam is the company offers what looks to be a lagitemite bussiness, teaching you how to broker merchandise at wholesale prices, on the surface it looked good, we checked them out through all right channels and they came up clean, a very sophisticated scam, we lost a lifes savings in this scam plase warn others

Created By: DJOHNSON

Created Date: 11/09/01

Updated By:

Updated Date:

Org Name: PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested: 6,950.00

Amt Paid: 6,950.00

Payment Method: Check (Personal)

Agency Contact: Internet

Complaint Date: 11/09/01

Initial Contact: Internet Web Site

Transaction Date: 06/15/00

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Bus Opps\Franchises\Distributorships

Statute/Rule: FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation: Deception/Misrepresentation

Consumer

Complaining

Company/Org.:

Last name:

First

Address:

City: Watertown

State: NY Zip

Country: UNITED STATES

Work phone: Ext:

Fax Number:

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range: 50 - 59



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Company

Company: World Traders Association

Address: 2950 E, Flamingo Rd, SuiteB

City: Las Vegas

State: NV Zip: 89121

Country: UNITED STATES

Email: Holden@wtraders.com

URL:www.Wtraders.com

Phone: (800) 956-9518 Ext:

Company Representative

Rep Name: Holden, Bill

Title:

Associated Company



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.: 1496619 Contact Type: Complaint Source: Consumer TCS? Y

Comments: World Traders Association misrepresented their business opportunity by misleading advertising, income claims, improper selling practices, non delivery of services, misrepresentation unhonored guarantees, unsatisfactory service, affiliatge agreement not fulfilled. ☐
☐
This company has numerous complaints if serch under World Traders Association. many affiliates have been scammed for over \$7,000. Affiliates basically get printouts of the surplus business from their website which is UPS and 1 week of 1 hour sessions that cover basic math to mark up merchandise and to resell to buyers. ☐
☐
Problem is WTA promises 25 accounts that they will help affiliates attain. All the leads, buyers/sellers are printouts no better than the yellow pages. ☐
☐
Once scammed, the victim is left not only short of \$7,000 but membership dues without customer service, follow-up correspondence nor assistance.

Created By: FTUCKER

Created Date: 07/25/01

Updated By:

Updated Date:

Org Name: PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested: 6,950.00

Amt Paid: 7,160.00

Payment Method: Check (Not Classified)

Agency Contact: Internet

Complaint Date: 07/24/01

Initial Contact: Internet/E-mail

Transaction Date: 09/15/00

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Bus Opps\Franchises\Distributorships

Statute/Rule: Franchise Rule



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MWOODSON

Law Violation: Unsubstantiated Earnings Claims

Consumer

Complaining

Company/Org.: [REDACTED]

Last name: [REDACTED]

First: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] st

City: New Hyde Park

State: NY Zip: [REDACTED]

Country: [REDACTED]

Work phone: [REDACTED]

Ext: [REDACTED]

Fax Number: [REDACTED]

Home Number: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Age Range: 30 - 39

Company

Company: World Traders Association

Address: 500 N. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 30

City: Las Vegas

State: NV Zip: 89107

Country: UNITED STATES

Email: infor@wtraders.com

URL:wtraders.com

Phone: (800) 956-9518

Ext: [REDACTED]

Company Representative

Rep Name: Holden, Bill

Title: [REDACTED]

Associated Company



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.: 1434777 Contact Type: Complaint Source: Consumer TCS? Y
Comments: Consumer ordered tapes from Hustler Magazine in January and has not received the tapes.
Created By: SLJONES Created Date: 06/12/01
Updated By: DSSMITH Updated Date: 06/14/01
Org Name: TOLL FREE NUMBER AND CONSUMER SENTINEL
Amt Requested: 51.00
Amt Paid: 51.00 Payment Method: Check (Not Classified)
Agency Contact: Phone Complaint Date: 06/12/01
Initial Contact: Print Transaction Date:
Initial Response: Unknown
Product/Service: Shop-at-Home\Catalog Sales
CDs\Tapes\Records
Statute/Rule: Mail or Telephone Merchandise Order Rule
Law Violation: Never Received Merchandise

Consumer

Complaining
Company/Org.: [REDACTED]
Last name: [REDACTED] First [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
City: Desert Hot Springs State: CA Zip: [REDACTED]
Country: UNITED STATES
Work phone () Ext:
Fax Number: ()
Home Number: [REDACTED]
Email:
Age Range:

Company

Company: World Traders Association
Address: Dept HU 801
PO Box 10265
City: Van Nuys State: CA Zip: 91410
Country: UNITED STATES
Email: URL:
Phone: (XXX) Ext:



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MWOODSON

Company Representative

Associated Company



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MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.: 309903 Contact Type: Complaint Source: Consumer TCS? Y

Comments: Consumers responded to an ad and was promised help by co. to start an import/export business and paid a total of \$1395.00 to this co. The company promised a return of \$100,000/year and Mr. Vicente V. Chico, the president of the co. promised to give consumers exclusive marketing rights to 3 products and if he didn't do this, then he would refund their money. However, they have not heard anything more from him. He cannot be contacted and he refuses to accept delivery of their letters. In addition, a \$95 check that he wrote to the state of Nevada to incorporate consumers' company bounced even though the consumers paid him that money so that he could pay Nevada to incorporate their business.

Created By: SILEE Created Date: 01/22/98

Updated By: SILEE Updated Date: 01/22/98

Org Name: Western Region Los Angeles

Amt Requested: 1,395.00

Amt Paid: 1,395.00 Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Mail Complaint Date: 12/31/97

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Bus Opps\Franchises\Distributorships

Statute/Rule: FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation: Deception/Misrepresentation

Consumer

Complaining
Company/Org.

Last name:

First:

Address:

City: Lakewood

State: CA Zip

Country: UNITED STATES

Work phone: Ext:

Fax Number:

Home Number: ()

Email:

Age Range:



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Company

Company: World Traders Organization

Address: 3255 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 826

City: Los Angeles

State: CA Zip: 90010

Country: UNITED STATES

Email:

URL:

Phone: (213) 3821058

Ext:

Company Representative

Rep Name: Chico, Vicente V

Title:

Associated Company



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.: 894341 Contact Type: Request for Information Source: Consumer TCS? N

Comments:

Saw adv. in local paper pertaining selling surplus inventory. Wants to know if company legitimate.

Created By: LGROSS Created Date: 03/14/00

Updated By: IBOLEN Updated Date: 04/11/00

Org Name: TOLL FREE NUMBER AND CONSUMER SENTINEL

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid:

Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Mail

Complaint Date:

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Bus Opps\Franchises\Distributorships

Statute/Rule:

Law Violation:

Consumer

Complaining
Company/Org.:

Last name:

First:

Address:

City: Lewiston

State: ME Zip:

Country: UNITED STATES

Work phone () Ext:

Fax Number: ()

Home Number: ()

Email:

Age Range:

Company

Company: United Trader Assoc.(World Traders Assoc Inc.

Address:

City:

State: NR Zip:

Country: LOCATION NOT REPORTED

Email:

URL:

Phone: () Ext:

Company Representative



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.: 1364626 Contact Type: Request for Information Source: Consumer TCS? N

Comments:

I have no complaint, I am just looking for information about the company. I am very interested in their business opportunity, and I would like to know if it is legitimate or not. Can you help? If not can you tell me where to find more information?

Created By: JMOORE

Created Date: 04/19/01

Updated By:

Updated Date:

Org Name: PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid:

Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Internet

Complaint Date: 04/18/01

Initial Contact: Print

Transaction Date:

Initial Response:

Product/Service:

Statute/Rule:

Law Violation:

Consumer

Complaining

Company/Org:

Last name:

First:

Address:

City: Hackensack

State: MN Zip

Country: UNITED STATES

Work phone Ext:

Fax Number:

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range: 40 - 49



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Company

Company: World Traders Association

Address:

City: Las Vegas

State: NV Zip:

Country: UNITED STATES

Email: www.

URL:www.WorldTradersAssociation.com

Phone: ()

Ext:

Company Representative

Associated Company



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.: 870752 Contact Type: Request for Information Source: Consumer TCS? N

Comments:

Caller offered Bus/Opp to sell surplus merchandise. Must find a buyer and a seller. Caller wants to know if the business is legitimate.

Created By: LGROSS Created Date: 02/23/00

Updated By: LGROSS Updated Date: 02/23/00

Org Name: TOLL FREE NUMBER AND CONSUMER SENTINEL

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid: Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Phone Complaint Date:

Initial Contact: Internet Web Site Transaction Date:

Initial Response: Phone: other

Product/Service: Bus Opps\Franchises\Distributorships
Internet Access Services

Statute/Rule:

Law Violation:

Consumer

Complaining

Company/Org.:

Last

First

Address:

City: Kokomo

State: IN Zip:

Country: UNITED STATES

Work phone () Ext:

Fax Number: ()

Home Number: ()

Email:

Age Range:



Consumer Information System
Complaint Detail Report

03/26/2002

MWOODSON

Company

Company: World Traders Assoc

Address: United Traders Assoc.

City: Las Vegas

State: NV Zip:

Country: UNITED STATES

Email:

URL:

Phone: ()

Ext:

Company Representative

Associated Company